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FRIDAY, July 24th, 1868. }

The Convention, in the absence of the President, Rev. E. T. Winkler, D. D., was called to order at half-past 11 o'clock by the Vice-President, Rev. J. O. B. Dargan, D. D. Prayer by Rev. Thomas Dawson. The Secretary being absent, Rev. J. F. Morrall was requested to act as Secretary *pro tem.*

The Chair appointed a Committee on Credentials, consisting of Brethren L. H. Shuck, J. K. Mendenhall, B. W. Edwards, W. D. Rice, R. S. Griffin.

On motion of Brother J. T. Zealy, the Convention adjourned to hear the Introductory Sermon by Rev. J. Culpepper, from 2 Cor., 9: 13, after which, to meet at half-past 3 o'clock.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, half-past 3 o'clock.

Prayer by Brother J. L. Reynolds.

The Committee on Credentials presented the names of Delegates present from their respective Associations and Churches, which, with additions and corrections, is as follows:

Charleston Association—Rev. R. Furman, D. D., Rev. S. M. Richardson, T. P. Smith.

Welch Neck Association—Rev. J. Culpepper, Rev. J. M. Timmons, Rev. J. O. B. Dargan, D. D., B. W. Edwards, T. P. Lide, Jr., Rev. W. D. Rice, Prof. T. E. Hart, Rev. F. W. Eason.

Edgefield Association—Rev. L. O'Neall, Rev. W. A. Gaines, J. H. Mims. Rev. T. P. Shaw.

Savannah River Association—Rev. J. F. Morrall, Rev. L. H. Shuck.

Tyger River Association—Rev. J. C. Furman, D. D., A. B. Woodruff, Prof. J. F. Lanneau, Rev. W. D. Thomas, E. S. Allen, Frof. C. H. Judson, C. F. Townes, D. T. Smith, Prof. J. B. Patrick, Rev. R. F. Whilden.

Reedy River Association—Rev. J. K. Mendenhall, Rev. T. H. Pope, Rev. Wm. Young, Rev. A. C. Stepp, Rev. J. T. Zealy, B. F. Griffin, G. T. Scott, J. R. Spearman, G. S. Cannon, R. S. Griffin, T. J. Lipscomb, Thos. Duckett, John Barry, J. R. Leavell, Y. J. Pope, W. H. Webb, J. B. Carwile, Rev. G. C. Grimes, Rev. B. F. Corley.

Saluda Association—Rev. J. S. Murray, Rev. A. Rice, Rev. W. E. Walters, John Pratt, Rev. W. D. Beverly, S. M. Tribble, Rev. V. Young, Rev. Thomas Dawson.

Fairfield Association—Rev. J. L. Reynolds, D. D., Rev. L. C. Hinton, Rev. A. K. Durham, Dr. I. D. Durham, Rev. B. W. Whilden, E. R. Stokes, Rev. A. M. Cartledge.

Bethel Association—Rev. G. W. Pickett, J. Gibbs.

Greenville Association—Dr. G. B. Reid.

Greenville Church—Rev. W. D. Thomas.

Yorkville Church—Rev. T. R. Gains.

The Convention then proceeded to organize by the election of officers. Brethren B. W. Whilden and B. W. Edwards were appointed to receive and count the votes. Pending the counting of the votes, a letter from Dr. Winkler was read, regretting his absence and stating the cause, which was received as information. After a period spent in devotional exercises, the Committee returned and reported the election of the following officers, viz:

Rev. J. L. Reynolds, D. D., President.
Rev. J. O. B. Dargan, D. D., Vice-President.
Rev. J. F. Morrall, Secretary.
Prof. C. H. Judson, Treasurer.

The President upon taking his seat called for Corresponding Messengers from other religious bodies, when Rev. J. A. Cham-

bliss appeared as Agent for the Foreign Mission Board, with a letter from Rev. J. B. Taylor, D. D., which was read. Brother T. J. Starke was also recognized as a Messenger from the General Association of Virginia.

The Constitution and Rules of Order were then read by the Secretary.

On motion of Brother Shuck,

Resolved, That a Committee of Five, with Rev. Dr. J. C. Furman as Chairman, be appointed to report to this Convention at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, upon the present condition of Furman University.

Committee—Brethren J. C. Furman, A. K. Durham, W. D. Thomas, L. C. Hinton, L. H. Shuck.

On motion of Brother J. T. Zealy,

Resolved, That the Sessions of the Convention be held from 9 to 1 o'clock A. M., and from 4 to 6 o'clock P. M.

The President announced the following Standing Committees:

On Accounts—Brethren E. R. Stokes, T. P. Smith, R. S. Griffin, T. J. Lipscomb, T. H. Pope.

On Next Meeting—Brethren J. T. Zealy, I. D. Durham, B. W. Edwards, W. E. Walters, J. K. Mendenhall.

On Names and Post Offices of Ministers—Brethren I. D. Durham, W. D. Rice, J. M. Timmons, B. W. Whilden, A. Rice.

On Nomination of the Executive Board—Brethren J. Culpepper, L. O'Neall, J. Gibbs, G. W. Pickett, S. M. Richardson.

On Nomination of Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention—Brethren L. H. Shuck, W. D. Thomas, A. K. Durham, Y. J. Pope, B. F. Griffin.

On Obituary Notices, (to report at next Session of this Convention)—Brethren L. C. Hinton, R. Furman, J. M. Timmons, L. H. Shuck, G. F. Townes, J. K. Mendenhall, A. Rice, J. C. Furman.

On Preaching—Pastor and Deacons of Newberry Church, with Brethren T. P. Smith and G. F. Townes.

On motion of Brother C. H. Judson,

Resolved, That a Committee of Five be appointed to report at this meeting, some plan of systematic benevolent contribution to be recommended to all the Churches of our Denomination throughout the State.

Committee—Brethren W. D. Thomas, T. P. Smith, C. H. Judson, J. M. Timmons, T. H. Pope.

A resolution was offered by Brother W. D. Rice, recommending "*The South Carolina Baptist*," which was discussed. Pending the resolution, the hour of adjournment having arrived.

On motion, adjourned with prayer by Brother J. O. B. Dargan.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

After prayer by Brother W. D. Beverly, the roll was called and the minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion of Brother B. W. Edwards, the following resolution was introduced as a substitute for Brother W. D. Rice's, with reference to the *South Carolina Baptist*. After some amendments and remarks by Brethren Edwards, A. K. Durham, Culpepper, Stepp, W. D. Rice, Dargan, Townes, Corley, Judson, I. D. Durham, Timmons and Walters, was adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention do earnestly commend the *South Carolina Baptist* to the patronage of every Baptist in the State, and that Ministers be requested to aid in its circulation, by acting as agents, by engaging an efficient person or persons in their respective Congregations to act as local agents in its interests.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, the report of the Committee on the State of Furman University was called for. After some preliminary remarks by Dr. Furman, their Chairman, it was read as follows:

The Committee on the present state of Furman University beg leave to report: That since the close of the war the course of instruction in the Collegiate Department has been conducted with some encouraging success, but under very great difficulty. The funds of the University having shared in the common fate which has overtaken the material interests of the State, it was impracticable to resume the work of instructing without making the Faculty dependent for their support to a large extent upon income from tuition. This necessitated an increased charge

for tuition, and this increased charge operated unfavorably upon the attendance of pupils, when the losses of the war had to be added, the diminution of the means of our people produced by the unfavorable seasons, and the devastations of the catterpillar with which we have been visited. Under these circumstances it became necessary to adopt new measures for the continued operation of the University, and the Board of Trustees have adopted a plan, the nature of which will be seen in the following report submitted to the Board of Trustees by the Executive Committee of the Board, and adopted by the Board.

The Committee appointed to suggest some plan for carrying on Furman University with greater efficiency, beg leave to submit to the Executive Committee of the Trustees, the following report:

1. It is clear that the University cannot be sustained longer *upon credit*. The Professors cannot subsist on promises to pay. Nor, if that were practicable, would it be wise to accumulate a load of debt, with no income accruing to meet it, and thus only consume ultimately the remaining property of the University, with no corresponding benefit.

2. It is obviously impossible, in the present condition of the country, to raise *an endowment*, by the interest of which the expenses of the University can be paid. Even the existing bonds for endowment can scarcely be collected, except in rare instances and small amounts and all that comes from such sources is urgently needed to pay arrears now due to the Professors.

3. It is very questionable whether sufficient collections could be made, as a *pure contribution*, to be annually repeated in order to supplement the slender amounts received now from tuition fees, and so keep open the Institution. There are obvious advantages in this plan, if it were practicable, and obvious disadvantages in any extension of the "scholarship plan;" but the experience of the years since the war, seems to shut us up to the necessity of combining, with our efforts to obtain direct contributions, some arrangement for cheapening tuition, and also for giving to the subscribers of the larger sums some return in the form of privileges of instruction.

4. Any help to be effective must be immediate, and yet not temporary merely—must provide for the present, and also for a period of at least three years ahead. Hence *a system of Scholarships limited to three years* is proposed, which, if successful, will secure the University in operation till we have time to adjust ourselves a little to the new order of things, and till the calamities and discouragements by which we are now surrounded may be somewhat overpast. The effort is to guarantee the life of the Institution. A single spasmodic contribution will not suffice. And even those who are most zealous will hardly give freely, unless assured that the object can be secured thereby.

With these facts and views before us, your Committee have agreed to recommend the following plan, not as from objections, but as the most practicable under existing circumstances:

1. That an immediate effort be made to obtain three hundred bonds pledging thirty dollars, annually, for three years, on the 1st of October in 1868, 1869, and 1870; these bonds to become binding, when it is duly ascertained and announced that at least two hundred of them have been signed.

2. That each of these annual payments duly made, shall entitle the person paying it, to send one pupil free of tuition in all Collegiate classes for one year from the date when such payment fell due.

3. That the rates of tuition in Collegiate classes to all other persons be reduced to $75 per annum, including all incidental fees.

4. That an earnest appeal be made to the holders of the old Scholarships to relinquish, in whole or in part, their claims to perpetual tuition, on account of them, in view of all the circumstances of the case, and especially the loss of the investments which were made of those Scholarships' funds.

5. That friends of the University, who cannot pledge so much as thirty dollars, annually, be invited to make specific contributions of whatever amounts they can bestow to aid in defraying the current expenses of the Institution.

6. That Rev. James C. Furman and Prof. John F. Lanneau, be requested to carry out this plan, and to procure such voluntary assistance as may be available or desirable; and that all direct contributions be placed at their disposal, first to defray needful traveling expenses, and then to be applied to the support of the University.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES C. FURMAN. *Chairman.*

Resolutions were introduced by Brother W. D. Thomas, cordially approving the plan suggested by the Committee. These resolutions drew forth great interest, and earnest speeches were made on the report by Brethren R. Furman, A. Rice, Culpepper, I. D. Durham, Richardson, Thomas.

The hour of adjournment came, when the discussions were suspended.

The Committee on Religious Exercises begged leave, through their Chair, Brother J. T. Zealy, to make the following announcement for preaching, viz:

Baptist Church, Saturday Night—Rev. J. S. Murray.
" " Sabbath Morning—Rev. T. R. Gains.
" " " Afternoon—Rev. J. L. Reynolds, D. D.
" " " Night—Rev. J. C. Furman, D. D.
Methodist Church, Sabbath Morning—Rev. R. Furman, D. D.
" " " Night—Rev. J. F. Morall.
Presbyterian Church, Sabbath Morning—Rev. W. D. Thomas.
" " " Afternoon—Rev. J. A. Chambliss.
To the Colored Churches, Morning, Afternoon and Night—Rev. W. D. Rice, Rev. B. W. Whilden, and Rev. S. M. Richardson.
Addresses to the Sabbath School, at 9 o'clock, by Rev. W. E. Walters, Rev. J. A. Chambliss, and Rev. J. O. B. Dargan, D. D.

On motion, adjourned with prayer by Brother A. K. Durham.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 4 o'clock.

Prayer by Brother A. M. Cartledge.

The report of the Executive Board was read by Brother J. O. B. Dargan, and, on motion of Brother R. Furman, the report was received and referred to a Committee of five. (*See Appendix A.*)

Committee—Brethren J. S. Murray, A. M. Cartledge, T. R. Gaines, J. B. Patrick, T. E. Hart.

The report of the General Agent of the Convention was read and referred to the same Committee. (*See Appendix B.*)

The resolutions which were laid over at the hour of adjournment, with regard to Furman University, were taken up, and discussions continued by Brethren A. K. Durham, Edwards, Shuck, B. W. Whilden, Lameau, Townes. After which the following resolution offered by Brother C. H. Lameau, was adopted.

Resolved, That an opportunity be now given to members to make pledges in behalf of the University.

Several pledges and contributions were secured. Pending the taking up of pledges, the Convention adjourned.

Prayer by Brother A. Rice.

LORD'S DAY.

Addresses before the Sabbath School, at 9 o'clock, were made by Rev. W. E. Walters, Rev. J. A. Chambliss, and Rev. J. O. B. Dargan, D. D.

The Charity Sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by Rev. T. R. Gaines, from Rom. 1: 18. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven, against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness." After which, a collection was taken up amounting to $36.40.

Preaching in the Baptist Church in the afternoon was conducted by Rev. J. L. Reynolds, D. D., and at night by Rev. J. C. Furman, D. D.

Preaching in the morning at the Methodist Church by Rev. R. Furman, D. D., and at night by Rev. J. F. Morrall.

Preaching in the Presbyterian Church in the morning by Rev. W. D. Thomas.

Preaching at the Colored Churches, during the day, by Rev. W. D. Rice, Rev. B. W. Whilden, and Rev. S. M. Richardson.

MONDAY MORNING, JULY 26th, 1868.

The Convention convened at 9 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Brother B. W. Whilden.

Brother C. H. Judson submitted the Treasurer's Report, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Brother W. D. Rice,

Resolved, That the Baptist State Convention of South Carolina, approve of the measure of the Southern Baptist Convention at its late Session in Baltimore, transferring its Sunday School Board to Memphis, Tennessee; and that this Convention commend its publications to the patronage of the Sunday Schools throughout this State, and its work in general to their hearty co-operation.

The Committee to nominate Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, reported through Brother Shuck, as follows. The Committee were authorized to add their names:

Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention—Rev. E. T. Winkler, D. D., Rev. J. C. Furman, D. D., Rev. J. P. Boyce, D. D., Rev. W. Williams, D. D., Rev. B. Manly, Jr., D. D., Rev. J. A. Broadus, D. D., Rev. J. L. Reynolds, D. D., Rev. R. Furman, D. D., Rev. J. O. B. Dargan, D. D., Rev. I. K. Mendenhall, Rev. W. D. Rice, Rev. W. E. Walters, Rev. T. H. Pope, Rev. J. T. Zealy, Dr. I. D. Durham, Rev. J. M. Timmons, Rev. J. Culpepper, T. P. Smith, B. W. Edwards, C. H. Judson, S. W. Bookhart, Rev. J. F. Morrall, T. P. Lide, Jr., Rev. B. W. Whilden, Rev. L. H. Shuck, Rev. W. D. Thomas, Rev. A. K. Durham, Y. J. Pope.

The Committee also recommend that the Delegates who may be present, be authorized to fill vacancies in the delegation.

On motion of Brother Gaines,

Resolved, That the report of the Committees on the Executive Board, and on Systematic Benevolence, be referred to the two Committees jointly, to report this afternoon.

The resolutions respecting Furman University were again called up, when remarks were made by brethren Dargan, Reynolds and J. C. Furman. After which, the report, with the resolutions, were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the plan proposed for the continuance of Furman University is cordially approved by this body, and that the Baptists of the State be most earnestly urged to action in this behalf.

Resolved, That this Convention suggest to the Trustees to associate, if possible, Dr. R. Furman with the brethren named in the report in the execution of the plan.

On motion of Brother Thomas, Rev. J. A. Chambliss was invited to address the Convention in behalf of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, which he represented.

Brother Chambliss, after his appeal, was permitted to pass through the audience, and received a collection of $19.10.

On motion of Brother R. Furman,

Resolved, That amidst the pressure of our existing trials, it is our duty to cherish an undiminished interest in the cause of Foreign Missions, and that we hereby commend it to the renewed sympathies and prayers and contributions of the Churches.

This resolution was sustained by Brother Furman, after which, the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Brother Edwards,

Resolved, That we urge the Pastors of our Churches throughout the State, to restore or establish the monthly concert of prayer for Missions, on the first Monday of each month, or the Lord's Day preceding.

Resolved, That we commend most earnestly to the denomination, the "*Home and Foreign Journal*," and request all our Pastors to take immediate steps to procure clubs of subscribers in their Churches.

On motion of Brother J. C. Furman,

Resolved, That the Church in Yorkville, in its efforts to provide itself with a house of worship, is entitled to the sympathy of the brethren in the State, to such aid as the exigencies of the Church demand, and the means of our brethren will allow.

Adjourned with prayer by Brother I. K. Mendenhall.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 4 o'clock.

Prayer by Brother W. D. Rice.

The Report of the Joint Committee, on the Report of the Committee on Executive Board, and the Report of the Committee on some plan of Systematic Benevolent Contributions, submitted their reports through Brother J. S. Murray. After its discussion by brethren Dargan, Edwards, A. Rice, Thomas, Culpepper, Townes, Gaines, T. H. Pope, J. C. Furman, Patrick, A. K. Durham, W. D. Rice. Brother Thomas proposed, that so much of the report as referred to the location of the Board be amended, by substituting *Darlington* for Greenville. The report was adopted, as follows:

The Joint Committee, to whom were referred the Report of the Committee, on the Report of the Executive Board and General Agent, and the Report of the Committee on Systematic Benevolent Contributions, respectfully report: That they have duly considered the same, and are impressed with the importance of continuing the work of State Missions, and of inaugurating some plan by which systematic contributions may be secured for the purpose of this Convention. They recommend—

1st. That in accordance with the recommendation of the Executive Board, and the General Agent, the location of the Board be at Darlington Court House.

2d. That the Executive Board be instructed to attempt, in some way, to induce every Church in the *State* to adopt some uniform plan of systematic benevolence for the objects of this Convention, and to endeavor, if practicable, to employ at least one traveling missionary to present the plan which may be devised by the Board to the Churches for their adoption.

Your Committee find, from the Financial Report of the General Agent, that there is a balance due him of one hundred and seventy-six dollars and forty-three cents ($176.43) for services rendered during the year just closed for the payment of which, pledges were secured at the last meeting of the Convention; and your Committee would urge brethren to redeem said pledges, as there is no other fund out of which to pay the balance of the salary.

Your Committee also recommend, that the appropriation of the sum of one hundred and twenty-seven and fifty cents ($127.50), of the collections made by the General Agent, to assist in paying his salary, be approved, with the understanding that whatever amounts may be received from the pledges given, to pay the Agent's salary, after having paid him five hundred dollars, ($500,) should be paid to the Executive Board.

In conclusion, your Committee recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Convention appreciates the valuable worth of the General

Agent of its Executive Board, as well as the services of the Board itself, and is fully satisfied that the duties assigned to them have been discharged with fidelity.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. S. MURRAY,
Chairman of Joint Committees.

The Committee on Accounts reported through Brother E. R. Stokes, and the report was received. (*See Treasurer's Report, Appendix C.*)

The Report on Obituary Notices was presented by Brother J. L. Reynolds, and adopted. (*See Appendix D.*)

On motion of Brother J. S. Murray, it was agreed, that when the Convention adjourned, it adjourn to meet to-night at half-past 8 o'clock.

Adjourned with prayer by Brother T. H. Pope.

MONDAY NIGHT, half-past 8 o'clock.

Prayer by Brother W. D. Beverly.

In consequence of the large congregation assembled, on motion of Brother J. T. Zealy, the Convention receded from business to hear preaching by Rev. J. A. Chambliss. After the sermon, proceeded to business.

The Committee to Nominate the Executive Board of the Convention, reported the names of the same brethren who constituted the Board for last year, which was adopted as follows:

Rev. R. Furman, D. D., President; T. P. Lide, Vice-President, Augustus Edwards, Treasurer; J. L. Ceker, Auditor; B. W. Edwards, Secretary: W. D. Rice, J. E. Wingate, George W. Dargan, R. Napier, E. J. Lide, W. F. B. Haynesworth, J. A. Williams, and the Officers of the Convention, *ex-officio*.

On motion of Brother J. C. Furman,

Resolved, That that part of the Constitution, which requires the appointment of a General Agent, be stricken out.

The Report of the Committee on Names and Post Offices of Ministers, was referred to the Secretary for publication. (*See Appendix E.*)

The Committee on Next Meeting, through Brother J. T. Zealy, offered their report, which, after an amendment substituting *Thursday* for Friday, was concurred in, as follows:

The Committee on Next Meeting, recommend Yorkville as the place, and Thursday before the last Lord's Day in July, 1869, as the time.

The Introductory Sermon to be preached by Rev. L. R. Gwaltney, with Rev. G. W. Pickett, as Alternate.

The Charity Sermon to be preached by Rev. E. T. Winkler, D. D., with Rev. R. Furman, D. D., as Alternate.

On motion of Brother J. O. B. Dargan,

Resolved, That in view of the growing importance of Sunday Schools, the Executive Board of the Convention, and the Executive Boards of the Associations, and the Churches generally, be invited and encouraged to engage, with united and enlarged efforts, in this great and all-important work.

On motion of Brother L. H. Shuck,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to this Church, and the citizens of Newberry, for their hospitable entertainment of the Delegates; also, to the Railroads which have allowed the privilege of free return; also, to the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of Newberry, who gave the use of their houses of worship to the Convention for preaching; also, to Mr. T. F. Greneker, of the *Newberry Herald*, for gratuitous printing of return tickets for the Delegates.

On motion of Brother W. D. Rice,

Resolved, That the President of this Convention be requested to issue a circular, through the columns of the *South Carolina Baptist*, stating the various objects before us one month before the appointed time for the meeting, requesting each Church to co-operate with their Pastor, in securing a representation for themselves in the approaching Convention.

On motion, the printing of the Minutes was confided to the Secretary.

On motion of Brother A. K. Durham,

Resolved, That the monies now on hand be appropriated for the publication of the Minutes.

After prayer by Brother J. C. Furman, the Convention adjourned, to meet in Yorkville on *Thursday* before the last Lord's Day in July, 1869.

J. L. REYNOLDS, *President.*

J. F. MORRALL, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX A.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board, in this their Annual Report to the Baptist State Convention of South Carolina, respectfully submit, that they have been able, during the conventional year, to accomplish little or nothing in the cause of State Missions and Sunday Schools, outside of the labors of the General Agent, from the simple fact, that the material aid requisite for the support of those interesting and important interests, have not been furnished by the denomination of the State. In reply to their own appeals, and those of the General Agent, the only funds which they have received during the year, with the exception of a small balance which they applied towards the salary of the General Agent, is an inconsiderable amount derived from the Churches of the Welsh Neck Association. They have had frequent meetings during the year, and have been deeply impressed with the magnitude and importance of the work confided to them.

The Executive Board would call the attention of the Convention to the report of the General Agent herewith submitted.

They earnestly recommend, that the great work of State Missions and Sunday Schools should, by no means, be abandoned or relinquished. Much and important preparatory work has been done. The Churches and Associations, in some modified form of the present plan, will continue to co-operate most heartily with the Convention, in the great work of State evangelism. Encouraged by past success, let us press forward with renewed interest and sanctified energies in the great work before us; accepting alike the obligations of Christian labor in every department of duty, and trusting, with unwavering confidence, in the promises of our Divine Master, for present support and ultimate success.

They recommend most earnestly that a General Agent or State Evangelist be continued, and that his support be urged upon the Churches as a matter of great importance.

They also most respectfully and urgently suggest to their brethren of the Convention, the propriety of organising a new Board, and that this important body be located at some central point in the upper section of the State.

In behalf of the Board.

J. O. B. DARGAN.

APPENDIX B.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL AGENT OF THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The General Agent reports to the Convention, that he has endeavored to prosecute the work confided to him. He attended several interesting and important protracted meetings, in which it is hoped much good was accomplished. He also attended the meetings of the Saluda, the Edgefield, the Reedy River, the Bethel, the Barnwell, the Charleston, and the Savannah River Associations. At all of which meetings and Associations, he attempted to awaken renewed interest in State Missions, Sunday Schools, the University, the Seminary, Domestic and Foreign Missions, and induce the continued co-operation of the Churches and Associations with the Convention. He trusts that his labors, during the last Summer and Fall, were not in vain.

In the middle and lower sections of the State, the disasters attendant upon the failure of the crops, the low price of cotton, and the consequent stringency in the material resources of the country, have caused a meagerness in the contributions of our membership and congregations, which has not justified the Board in attempting to carry out any Misssionary work independent of the Associational Boards.

The upper sections of the State were more favored in their crops and material resources, but, from various causes, the General Agent was able to visit the up-country Churches to only a limited extent.

Towards the close of the year, and in view of the limited amount of means wherewith to sustain the work, (the Winter being unfavorable to its vigorous prosecution), after much prayerful consultation, the Board thought it advisable to suspend operations for a season. In the mean time the General Agent having resumed the duties and cares of the Pastorships, the work of the agency has been but partially carried on since January.

Some modifications of the present plan will be desirable; what is best to be done the Convention in its wisdom must determine. But the great work should not be relinquished or abandoned, but continued with renewed energy and devotion. A great interest has been awakened throughout the various Associations in the Mission, and Sunday School cause, within their respective bounds. This newly awakened interest, especially in the Sunday School work, is remarkable and encouraging. It is one of the signs of the times—a pleasing phase in the history of that eventful period through which we are passing. Yet, our hearts should be saddened with the reflection, that a large portion of the State is still destitute—alarmingly destitute. This destitution cannot be reached by the Missionary Boards of the Associations, nor by the Domestic Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. This field we, as a Convention, must occupy, or it will be neglected. Shall this great work, then, be abandoned? or, shall we not urge it onward, with all

the energy which the impoverished condition of our people, and the unhappy and disorganised state of the country will allow?

There is a deep-felt conviction on the minds of our people, of the vast importance of *general education*. Connected with this, is manifested a desire every where felt for the success and usefulness of Furman University. In the great trial of affliction, the abundance of their joy, and their deep poverty, our brethren will yet abound in the riches of their liberality towards that noble institution—the legacy of our fathers, the pledge and memorial of their piety, their wisdom, their toils.

In many sections a better state of feeling is exhibited by the freedmen, who are recovering slowly from the unhappy delusions into which they have been led by false and designing teachers. They are now manifesting a renewed confidence in their former instructors, and a praiseworthy desire to be guided aright. Many of our Baptist brethren among them have not been implicated with the loyal leagues, or any of those political assemblages so prolific of unhallowed excitements, schemes and designs.

The General Agent has been invited by, and assisted his colored brethren during the year in the ordination of three Ministers and the constitution of two Churches, and has aided them in obtaining Bibles and Sunday School Books, and preached among them on several interesting occasions. He suggests the opinion, that colored people are accessible to any of our brethren in the ministry, who would approach them with a true desire to promote and advance their spiritual interests.

The General Agent has but little more to add. He concurs with the Board in the earnest recommendation that this work shall not cease. Our success has been fully commensurate to the amount of labor bestowed, and we are encumbered with no debt to our Agents and Missionaries. A General Agent or State Evangelist should, by all means, be sustained by the Baptists of South Carolina. It will be desirable to locate the Board and also the General Agent, in the upper or central section of the State.

For many reasons the undersigned respectfully declines a re-appointment to the work of the agency. Profoundly grateful to his brethren for the uniform kindness and sympathy received from them in his many wanderings, toils and privations, he implores the blessing of heaven upon the Convention, and its constituent Churches and Associations.

Respectfully submitted.

J. O. B. DARGAN.

(*See Financial Report of General Agent on next page.*)

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL AGENT.

He received in cash, from all sources, for State Missions.....		$507 80
He expended for printing Minutes, traveling expenses, and amounts paid Missionaries.....	$380 30	
Balance applied by Executive Board to salary of Agent...	127 50	
He received in amounts per B. W. Edwards, and amounts paid him in person on his salary.....		196 07
	$507 80	$507 80

He received, from all sources, on old subscriptions.....	$395 65
Due him on last year's salary.....	$679 00
Balance due him on this amount.....	$284 65

J. O. B. DARGAN.

NOTE.—One hundred dollars of the above amount of $395.65 was monies collected by Rev. Thomas Mason, for the purpose of building a church at Lancaster C. H. But the original object having failed, the amount is contributed by his son and executor to the cause of State Missions. J. O. B. D.

APPENDIX C.

C. H. JUDSON, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE STATE CONVENTION OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Dr.			Cr.		
1867.			1867.		
July 29.	To J. H. Wideman, Treasurer Edgefield Association for Domestic Missions	$48 43	July 29.	By paid T. A. Reed, African Missions	$64 85
	For Foreign Missions	65 23	" 31.	By paid G. E. Elford for Minutes	31 15
" "	To Sunday Collection	61 90	" "	By paid C. H. Judson, Treasurer Furman University	30 75
" "	To Collection for African Missions	64 85	Oct'r. 1.	By paid E. Worthem, Treasurer F. Missions.	65 00
1868.			1868.		
June 10.	To J. H. Wideman, Treasurer Edgefield Association for Foreign Missions	110 23	July 25.	By paid Rev. J. A. Chambliss for Foreign Missions	110 46
	For Domestic Missions	13 45		By Balance in hand for Domestic Missions	61 88
		$364 09			$364 09

C. H. JUDSON, *Treasurer.*

July 25th, 1868.

Your Committee on Accounts beg leave to report, that they have examined the Treasurer's account and found it correct and properly vouched for.

E. R. STOKES, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX D.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

The Committee on Obituaries respectfully report as follows:

During the past year several of our most beloved and efficient Ministers have fallen at their posts—Zedekiah Watkins, Abner W. Asbill, W. J. Lunn, W. Watkins.

The following sketches of Watkins and Asbill have been furnished by Rev. L. R. Gwaltney:

Rev. Zedekiah Watkins, of Edgefield, was born October 15, 1791, and died September 25, 1867, having reached the advanced age of 75 years, 11 months and 10 days.

He embraced religion in his 17th year, and was ordained a Minister of Christ, by Elders John Landrum and Carson Howell, October 15, 1826. During the 40 years of his ministry, he was remarkable for zeal, endurance, and promptness in the discharge of his duties. After an arduous and useful life in his Master's service, he died, as he had lived, in the full assurance of a blessed immortality beyond the grave.

Rev. Abner W. Asbill, of Edgefield, S. C., died suddenly, of apoplexy, on the 7th of October, 1867. He joined the Bethel Baptist Church in 1831, and was ordained to the Gospel Ministry in 1835. For 32 years he was zealously engaged in preaching "the unsearchable riches of Christ," and was instrumental in winning many souls. These shall be his "joy and crown," "in that day."

Of Brethren Lunn and William Watkins, your Committee can only record the names, not being in possession of the dates and facts requisite for a biographical notice.

In addition to the above, the names of the following deceased ministers have been reported—R. Bradford, J. J. Ray.

J. L. REYNOLDS, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX E.

A LIST OF BAPTIST MINISTERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Those marked thus (L) are Licentiates.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.	NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
Acker, A	Belton.	Collins, E	West Union.
Ackerman, Stephen	Walterboro.	Cooper, J	Simpson's Mill.
Allen, Joel	Marion.	Cooper, Wm	Williston.
Anderson, C A E	Mullin's Depot.	Corley, B F	Winnsboro.
Arial, J	Pickensville.	Crane, W	Whildenhall.
Ashley, W	Craytonville.	Croxton, J L, (L)	Pleasant Hill.
Atkinson. S	Timmonsville.	Culpeper, J	Timmonsville.
Ayres, William	Marion.	Curtis, Wm, LL D	Limestone Springs.
Ballard, W L	Cedar Fails.	Cuthbert, Lucius	Aiken.
Barry, John, (L)	Newberry.	Cuttino, D W	Manning.
Bartlett, H T	Lott's.	Dargan, J O B, D D	Darlington.
Barton, H M	Fair Play.	Davenport, J B	Calhoun.
Bateman, J J	Society Hill.	Davis, Presly	Whildenhall.
Beattie. W Q	Bennettsville.	Davis, C J	Walterboro.
Beck, W	Darlington.	Dawson, Thos	Pendleton.
Bell, G	Lott's.	Dill, A	Gowensville.
Beverly, W D	Anderson.	Dill, Thomas	Highland Grove.
Bishop, J C	Bonneau's.	Drummond, S	Woodruff's.
Blythe, D	South Saluda.	Drummond, W	"
Boddie, D A	Graniteville.	Duncan, H D	Barnwell.
Bolling, H	Orangeburg.	Dunton, H	Blackville.
Bostick, J M	Robertville.	Durham, A K	Doko.
Boyce, J P, D D	Greenville.	Durham, J D	Columbia.
Boynton, Moses	Buford's Bridge.	Dunn. B G W	Bennettsville.
Bowers, A	Highland Grove.	Earl, T J	Gowensville.
Brandon, J C	Bonneau's.	Eason, F W	Darlington.
Broadus, J A, D D	Greenville.	Easterling, T W	Bonneau's.
Brooker, W	Bull Swamp.	Edgerton, C	Marion.
Brooks, E R	Friendship.	Edwards, R J	Orangeburg.
Brown, Wm, (L)	Liberty.	Elkin, W B	Gadsden.
Bruce, E D	Townville.	Elsey, J	Colleton.
Brunson, Daniel D	Edgefield.	Ezell, J S	Allgood.
Buist, J F	Bamberg.	Ezell, Landrum	Limestone Springs.
Burge, J C	Ebenezerville.	Fail, N	Hickory Head.
Burn, J W	Society Hill.	Fenley, L	West Union
Burris, Bryan	Pendleton.	Ferguson, B	St. George.
Burris, Jacob	Anderson.	Furman, J C. D D	Greenville.
Burris, J H	Pickens.	Furman, R, D D	Sumter.
Campbell, T J	Cowpens.	Furman, Samuel	Stateburg.
Campbell, J J, (L)	Cedar Falls.	Gaines, N	Belton.
Carpenter, J M	Anderson.	Gaines, T E	Yorkville.
Carpenter, E J	Piercetown.	Gaines, W A	Phœnix.
Carson, W B	Reidville.	Garrett, B F	Monroe.
Carter, J G	Spartanburg.	Garrison, J (L)	Fort Hill.
Cartledge, A M	Monticello.	Getzen, S P	Hamburg.
Cave, B M	Barnwell.	Getsinger, J J	Williston.
Chambers, P	Horse Shoe.	Gibbes, J	Fair Forest.
Chaplin, W F, (L)	Orangeburg	Gilbert, J	Sterling Grove.
Chapman, J	Pickens.	Gordon, Wm, (L)	Union.
Chastain, B E	Highland Grove.	Graham, N	Sumter.
Chovin, C E	Robertville.	Grimes, G C	Laurens.
Coleman, J W	Dyson's.	Gwaltney, L R	Edgefield.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
Gwin, T D	Greenville.
Gwin, J T	
Hartin, W H	
Haws, W	Cool Springs.
Hays, B	Anderson.
Head, S	Tunnel Hill.
Hicks, G W	Tinker's Creek.
Hicks, E	Flintville.
Higgins, J B	Columbia.
Hill, A, (L)	Walterboro.
Hilliard, D	Spartanburg
Hinton, L C	Chester.
Hinton, James E	St. George.
Holder, B	Walhalla.
Holland, E D, (L)	West Union.
Hoover, J M	Buford's Bridge.
Horne, E W	Lott's.
Hudson, D	Pickens.
Huffman, J C	Orangeburg
Hughson, W E	Sumter.
Humphrey, R M, (L)	Friendship.
Humphries, J C	Chester.
Huxford, P, Jr	St. Stephen's.
Hays, H	Walhalla.
Isbell, Samuel	Fair Play.
Jackson, ——	Myersville.
Jackson, H, (L)	32 Mile House.
Jeter, J T	Santuc.
Jeter, F C	"
Jeter, R	"
Johnson, W	Sparta.
Jones, W T	Mount Croghan.
Kendrick, J G	Pinckneyville.
Kennemur, J C	Pickens.
Kenebrew, J H	Allendale.
King, R	Belton
King, W H	Storeville.
Knight S	Scuffletown.
Lagroon, J	Lott's.
Landrum, J G	Earleville.
Lane, I, (L)	Marion.
Lanneau, C H	Greenville.
Laundress, J M	Belton.
Lawton, J A	Allendale.
Lawton, W A	Lawtonville.
Leavell, J	Benton.
Lecroy, H	Fruit Hill.
Lee, U G	Columbia.
Linder, J S	Walker's.
Looper, T	Dacusville.
Lynes, G. (L)	Mt. Holly.
Mackinvaile, James	Darlington.
Mahoney, H W	Sumter.
Manly, B. Jr, D D,	Greenville.
Martin, W J	Marion.
Martin, W P	Belton.
Martin, J H. (L)	Salnda Mills.
Matthews, J S	Hamburg.
Mauldin, B F	Williamston.
McCullum, H B	Sumter.
Mealing, John P	Edgefield.
Mellichamp, T W	Gadsden.
Mendenhall, J K	Newberry.
Miller, B F (L)	Greenville.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
Morrall, J F	Aiken.
Morse, W L	Effingham.
Morton, W M	Rachelor's Retreat.
Motes, J	Monntville.
Murray, J S	Anderson.
Nance, J C	Wellsville.
Napier R	Mar's Bluff.
Nicholes, J	Privateer.
Nicholson, P	Pineville, N. C.
Nix, J	Gillisonville.
Norman, J L	Mush Creek.
Norris, A P	Graniteville.
O'Neale, L	Newberry.
Owens, J	Pickens.
Owens, W C	Fort Mill.
Page, B	Fingerville.
Parrott, B F	Darlington.
Peabody, C W, (L)	Bennettsville.
Perry, E, (L)	Gilbsonville.
Perryclear, J S	Charleston.
Peterson, J F	Richardson.
Phillips, C M	Green River.
Pickett, G W	Chester.
Pope, T H	Martin's Depot.
Porter, C M	Ridgeway.
Powell, S	Marietta.
Prickett, J D, (L)	St. Matthew's.
Price, Thomas J	Timmonsville.
Radford, C J	Darlington.
Reynolds, Prof J L, D D	Colnmbia.
Rice, A	Storeville.
Rice, W D	Society Hill.
Richards, William	Atlanta, Ga.
Richardson, S M, (L)	Sumter.
Richter, S	Walterboro.
Robertson, T	Monroe.
Robertson, J	Brewerton.
Rogers, J E	Camden.
Rollings, G	Graham's ✕ Roads.
Rollings, J L	Murray's Ferry.
Roper, C	Twelve Mile.
Roper, T L	North Saluda.
Ross, John	Columbia.
Sams, M W	Williston.
Sanders, F J	Barnwell.
Sawyer, S B	Willow Swamp.
Sexton, W, (L)	Timmonsville.
Segler, J A	Kitchen's Mill.
Seymour, R W, Jr	Phœnix.
Sharp, M G	Columbia.
Shaw, W H	Edgefield.
Shuck, L H	Barnwell.
Simmons, D	Townville.
Singleton, W B	Fowler's Creek.
Snider, W J	Orangeburg.
Spigener, D E	St. Matthew's.
Spruell, S	Columbia.
Stepp, A C	Line Creek.
Stiles, C A	Sumter.
Stough, A D	Webb's Store, N. C.
Stough, A L	
Snares, M R	Barnwell.
Sullivan, N	Walhalla.
Sweat, J T	Robertville.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.	NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
Thomas. J A W	Bennettsville.	Wilkins, S B	Leavenworth.
Thomas, W D	Greenville.	Willbanks. S	Silver Glade.
Timmons, J M	Timmonsville.	Williams, W. D D	Greenville.
Trapp. John	Kirksey's ✕ Roads.	Williams, J G.	Blue House.
Turner. R	Spartanburg.	Williford. W	Stone's.
Vandiver, H	Silver Glade.	Wilson. J J	Silver Glade.
Vann, R R	Doko.	Wilson, James	Piercetown.
Vaughn, K	Calhoun.	Winkler, E T, D D	Charleston.
Vaughn, L	Pleasant Grove.	Woodruff. Richard	Woodruff's.
Walker, Geo	Walker's.	Woodward, J A	Williston.
Wallace, W L	Manning.	Woodward. S C	"
Walters, W E	Anderson.	Woodward, ——	Little Pee Dee.
Weaver, J M	Friendfield.	Youmans, J N	Gillisonville.
West, John	Whitstown.	Young, V	Hodge's.
West. J L	Chestnut Ridge.	Young. W	Martin's Depot.
Whilden, B W	Doko.	Zealy, J T	Newberry.
Whilden, R F	Whilden Hall.	Zeigler, L G	Orangeburg.